

**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**Senate Committee On Human Services and Early Childhood**

**MEASURE: SB 617 A**

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 03/12/15

**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments. Refer To Ways And Means By Prior Reference  
(Printed A-Eng).

**Meeting Dates:** 02/24, 03/12

**Vote:**

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Olsen

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Establishes Task Force on Housing for Persons with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities. Specifies composition, scope and formalities. Directs Department of Human Services provide staffing. Requires report to Legislature by September 15, 2016. Sunsets December 31, 2016. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of measure
- Whether to amend measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Increases number of task force members from seven to thirteen, as specified. Removes reference to group home model.

**BACKGROUND:**

Federal and state laws, and morality, require integration of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as opposed to segregation and institutionalization. Current choices for affordable, more individualized, community living are inadequate, and out-of-home support services can be costly.

Senate Bill 617-A creates a Task Force on Housing for Persons with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities to address the need for stable, independent living for persons with disabilities and report back to the Legislature by September 15, 2016.